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Paris, December 31, *N. S.*

ON the 23d Inſtant the King, who at his private Viſit of Condoleance to the Duke of Chartres ſtyled him Duke of Orleans, was pleaſed to declare publickly that he ſhould be called by that Style: The ſame Day his Highneſs, accompanied by a great Number of Knights of St. Lazarus, of which Order he is Great Maſter, came to this City, and aſſiſted at a ſolemn Service which by his Direction was performed in the Church of St. Jacques de l'Hopital for the Repoſe of the Soul of the late Duke his Father. The King has given Orders for ſettling the Duke of Orleans's Houſhold, which is to conſiſt of a firſt Gentleman of the Bed Chamber the Chevalier de Conflans, a Maſter of the Horſe M. de Clermont de Tonnerre, a Captain of the Guards M. de Clermont Garlande, a Steward of the Houſhold M. de Cours, two Under-Stewards, a Secretary, a Chief Phyſician M. de Chirac, and four other Phyſicians or Surgeons, two Chamberlains, 12 Gentlemen in Ordinary, &c. M. d'Argenſon is continued in the Office of Chancellour of the Appanage which he held under the late Duke of Orleans. The King has likewiſe continued to the preſent Duke, the Command of the three Regiments of Orleans, and of the two Regiments of Chartres. The King has nominated the Marſhal de Teſſé to go to the Court of Spain with the Character of his Miniſter, and alſo made him Maſter of the Horſe to the Queen. Yeſterday the Abbot Alaric was received into the French Academy, in the Room of the late M. de Meſmes Firſt Preſident of the Parliament. The 29th at Night the Infanta Queen was taken ill, and there being ſome Ground to apprehend that Illneſs might prove the Small-Pox, the Doors of Communication between the King's Apartments and hers were ſhut up, and the 30th his Majeſty went and lay at the Trianon.

Hague, Dec. 31, *N. S.* The States of the Province of Holland are aſſembled here, and have under Conſideration the laying a new Impoſt on Cattle and certain Proviſions imported from foreign Parts. The Miniſters of ſeveral Princes to the Court of Great Britain, are gone from hence to take the firſt Opportunity of imbarking for England. We have Advice, that the Biſhop of Munſter, who ſtands Candidate to be choſen by the Chapter of Liege to fill that See, which became vacant by the Death of the late Elector of Cologne, is arrived at Liege to ſollicit that Election; and the Cardinal of Saxe-Zeitz, another Candidate for it, was expected there in a few Days. The Marqueſs of Blanford who arrived here lately from Hanover, ſets out next Week for Utrecht, intending to proceed from thence to Paris.

Whitehall, Dec. 28. Laſt Thurſday Morning arrived one of His Majeſty's Meſſengers from Helvoetſluys, with Letters dated the 21ſt Inſtant, adviſing that His Majeſty continued in perfect Health, expecting the Turn of Wind